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THE BARRACKS CASE.

THE CHEMIST DOES NOT
REACH A RESULT.The Alleged Poisoning Case
Will Probably Remain
a Mystery.

Prof. A. B. Lyons handed in his
 report on Saturday regarding the
 Barracks poisoning case. The
 chemist does not arrive at a con-
 clusion, but he is inclined to think
 that the poison originated in the
 stomachs of the men, "as a result
 of incipient putrefaction."

To people who were present at
 the Barracks on last Tuesday night
 the report of Prof. Lyons is not a
 disappointment, as it is known
 that he did not have the proper
 material to work on. In the first
 place the stomach ejections which
 were handed him to analyze were
 obtained from men who had been
 attacked with several fits of vomit-
 ing, and by some oversight the
 original stomach ejections, or the
 ones which would contain the
 poison, if any, had been thrown
 away.

Another unlucky circumstance
 came to light when it was learned
 that the food which was not eaten
 by the men had been thrown in a
 waste barrel, and as a result was
 all mixed up.

Judging from the chemist's re-
 port it looks as though the mystery
 will not be cleared up, for the pre-
 sent at least.

No amount of talk can convince
 the men who were poisoned that
 they suffered through an accident,
 as they feel sure that they were the
 victims of some diabolical plot.

Appended is the report of Prof.
 A. B. Lyons:

HONOLULU, H. I.,
April 15, 1893.HON. W. O. SMITH, Attorney-Gen-
eral.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with
 your instructions I have made investi-
 gations relating to the cause of the ill-
 ness of men in the service of the
 Government, with results sufficiently
 meagre, but which may be of some
 service.

Two bottles were submitted to me
 containing matters vomited by
 some of the men, with request
 that I examine these for poisons.
 The nature of the symptoms
 clearly indicating the action of
 some powerful irritant, I have
 made tests for the principal irritant
 poisons, but have not discovered any
 of these. I have made also general
 tests for alkaloids, these constituting
 the most active vegetable poisons, the
 result again being negative.

There is present in the vomited
 matters certainly something of an
 irritating nature, which the stomach
 refused to retain. I have endeavored
 to isolate by means of solvents this
 irritating substance and have been
 able to concentrate it sufficiently to
 demonstrate its acid nature, but am
 unable to give a definite opinion as to
 its identity.

The postponement of symptoms so
 long after food was taken, and the
 nature of the symptoms themselves
 lead certainly to a suspicion that the
 poison has been generated in the
 stomach itself as a result of incipient

putrefaction, or of abnormal fermenta-
tive changes.

The chemical nature of poisons gener-
 ated in this manner—of which the
 number is possibly large—is as yet
 little understood, the compounds
 themselves being probably very un-
 stable, and so easily altered in any
 attempt to isolate them. One which
 is generated in cheese, and sometimes
 in milk, has been identified, proving to
 be an exceedingly unstable body. This
 has not the reaction of an alkaloid, as
 some other poisonous products of
 putrefaction (ptomaines) have.

I received also some articles taken
 from the tables (condiments) and
 from the waste barrel, which I have
 examined somewhat in comparison
 with the vomited matters, but thus
 far only with negative results.

There are, of course, numerous poi-
 sonous substances, the chemistry of
 which has not yet been studied, and
 this circumstance must be borne in
 mind in forming any conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,
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